

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1: (Currently Amended) A method for transferring digital data comprising:

removing a first mass storage device from an information handling system;

reading at least a portion of digital data from said first mass storage device while said

first mass storage device is operated with said information handling system while said first mass

storage device is unmounted; and

storing said digital data read from said first mass storage device to a second mass storage

device mounted with said information handling system;

wherein said first mass storage device includes:

a first data port, said first data port having a configuration so as to be utilized when

said first mass storage device is operated while mounted with said information system, and

a second data port, said second data port having a configuration so as to be utilized

when said first mass storage device is operated with said information system while said first

mass storage device is unmounted.

2: (Original) The method of claim 1, which further comprises, prior to removing a first mass

storage device from an information handling system, storing said digital data to said first mass

storage device while said first mass storage device is substantially mounted with said

information handling system.

3: (Cancelled).

1 4: (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein reading at least a portion of digital data from said
2 first mass storage device includes determining the at least a portion of said digital data to read
3 from said first mass storage device.

1 5: (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein determining the at least a portion of said digital
2 data to read from said first mass storage device comprises marking the at least a portion of said
3 digital data before said first mass storage device is removed from said information system.

1 6: (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said marking of the at least a portion of said digital
2 data comprises utilizing an indexing system.

1 7: (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein reading at least a portion of digital data from said
2 first mass storage device comprises placing said first mass storage device in a cradle after
3 removing said first mass storage device from said information handling system.

1 8: (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said reading at least a portion of said digital data
2 from said first mass storage device comprises transmitting the at least a portion said digital data
3 from said first mass storage device to said information handling system in a serial fashion.

1 9: (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said method further comprises storing digital data
2 in said first mass storage device in a parallel fashion, before removing said first mass storage
3 device from said information handling system.

1 10: (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said method further comprises mounting said
2 second mass storage device with said information platform after said first mass storage device
3 has been removed.

11: (Cancelled).

1 12: (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 11,~~ **An apparatus comprising:**
2 **a mass storage device having a configuration so as to be used in conjunction with a**
3 **system which includes the capability to at least in part store digital data;**
4 **said mass storage device including:**
5 **a first data port, and**
6 **a second data port; and**
7 wherein said mass storage device is ~~further arranged to~~ **capable of**
8 principally utiliz[[e]]ing, during operation, said first data port when said mass storage
9 device is operated while mounted with said system and arranged to
10 principally utiliz[[e]]ing, during operation, said second data port when said mass storage
11 device is operated with said system while said mass storage device is unmounted.

1 13: (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12[[1]], wherein said second data port of said
2 mass storage device is arranged to be coupled, during operation, to another mass storage device,
3 which is substantially mounted with said system.

1 14: (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said second data port further has the capability
2 to both transmit and receive digital data from said system.

1 15: (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12[[1]], wherein said mass storage, when
2 operated with said system while said mass storage device is unmounted, transmits digital data
3 from said mass storage device utilizing said second data port.

16-45: (Cancelled).